Signing Your Business in Cody

The City of Cody adopted a Sign Ordinance (2008-34) which went into effect December 22, 2008. The sign regulations have been incorporated into the municipal code as Section 35-19.

The code sets forth the requirements for sign locations, heights, sizes and lighting. These requirements are based on the zoning of your business' property or location as there are four sign districts including one for the Downtown Cody Historic District.

Signing is an important aspect of any community. When abused, signing creates a visual blight which detracts from the quality of the environment. When unduly restricted, the lack of signing creates a hardship on merchants who rely on effective signing to identify their establishments.

Further, exterior signs affect the economic and aesthetic values and character of the community in that the City is highly dependent upon the traveling tourist who seeks out Cody for its character and who spend month with local merchants.

Orderly signing also contributes to the protections and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of the traveling public and the citizens of Cody.

Contact the Planning and Zoning Department for more information regarding the sign code.



SIGN CODE



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Sign Code Overview

Sign District I — Downtown Cody Historic District

Sign District I is the area on Sheridan Avenue between 9th Street and 16th Street, extending north and south from Sheridan Avenue to the alley between Sheridan Avenue and Beck Avenue and Sheridan Avenue and Rumsey Avenue.

Each business location shall be allowed sign area of 1 ½ square feet of sign area for each lineal foot of frontage up to a maximum of 150 square feet for all signs (ie., commercial signs, primary and secondary identification signs, and individual business signs). Exempt signs, billboards, convenience, temporary, special event, pedestrian information and awning signs shall not be included in this limitation.

Sign District II — D-2 Zones

Sign District II includes any parcels located within the incorporated city limits zoned D-2 General Business, except for the Downtown Cody Historic District.



All commercial signs permitted in Sign District I are also allowed in Sign District II.

The maximum signage area in this district is 200 square feet.

Residential Signs are allowed in this district

Sign District III — D-3 & E Zones

Sign District III includes any parcels located within the incorporated city limits zoned D-3 Open Business/Light Industrial and E Industrial Zones.

All commercial signs permitted in Sign District II are also allowed in Sign District III. The maximum signage area in this district is 250 square feet.

Sign District IV — AA, A, B, C, D-1, D-4, F-1, F-2, T and RR Zones

Sign District IV includes any parcels located within the incorporated city limits zoned AA, A, B, and C Residential, D-1 Limited Business, D-4 High Tech/Data Processing/Light Manufacturing, F-1 and F-2 Mobile Home, T Transitional, and RR Rural Residential Zones.

All commercial signs permitted in Sign District III are also allowed in Sign District IV. The maximum signage area in this district is 300 square inches.



Design Review & Building Permit Requirements

Application & Review: Sign review applications are available at city hall or on the city's website. A completed application is then submitted to the Planning and Zoning Department and accompanied by scaled drawings of the proposed sign(s). The Planning and Zoning Department will review applications and determine code compliance, approval, denial or forward the application to the Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board for consideration within fourteen (14) days of filing a completed application.

<u>Fees</u>: The fee for sign design review is \$25.00 payable at the time of application.

<u>Building Permit Requirement</u>: ALL approved sign design applications must also obtain a building permit prior to installing the new sign. Building permit fees are based on the value of the sign. For more information, contact the Building Department at 307.527.7511.